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REMARKS

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1. On 20 November 1951, the Artillerie Kaserne on Lindenstrasse, Perleberg (N 54/T 70), was occupied to capacity. Nearly all of the buildings were lighted at dusk. A group of very young soldiers with closely cropped hair was engaged in athletic activities. Motor vehicles observed at the installation

Most of their drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets. (1)

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2. On 21 November, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, west of Perleberg, was occupied by army troops. About 60 percent of its windows were lighted at dusk. Motor vehicles observed at the installation

Most of their drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets. (2)

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3. Sixteen field kitchens were repaired in two Perleberg locksmith's shops and one blacksmith's shop on 21 November.

4. On 17 November, the Artillerie Kaserne on Lindenstrasse was occupied to capacity by 800 to 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and were equipped with tanks and artillery pieces. All buildings of the installation were lighted at dusk. Motor vehicle seen in the billeting area

Their drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets. (1)

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5. On 17 November, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne west of Perleberg was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 army troops. All of its buildings were lighted at dusk. motor vehicles, driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were observed at the installation:

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(2)

6. Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 26 October, several motor columns of heavy howitzers, 150-mm howitzers, 76-mm AT guns, armored scout cars,

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rocket launchers and special vehicles with pontoons passed through Perleberg. They came from the direction of Havelberg and went toward Ludwigslust.

(3)

7. [redacted] a Soviet restricted area, containing about 10 houses, was located at the Bayerteich, 50X1-HUM Perleberg, with the entrance on Franz Grunickstrasse. [redacted] Two of the buildings housed a Soviet hospital, 2 others quartered officers' dependents and 5 buildings were occupied by uniformed Soviet women. The Soviet komendantura was located in the former FdGB building at the corner of Breitscheidstrasse and Lindenstrasse in mid-November. 50X1-HUM Soviet PX warehouse was at 5 Thaelmannstrasse. [redacted] It drew supplies from Magdeburg. Between 10 October and 15 November 1951, freight space for 30 tons of merchandise was required by the PX warehouse, and space for another 10 tons requested. [redacted]

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3. On 14 November, the Artillerie Kaserne on Lindenstrasse was occupied to capacity by troops most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets and a few black-bordered black epaulets. Twelve T-34/85 tanks were noticed in the billeting area. On 17 November, 200 unarmed soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were observed drilling, while two T-34/85 tanks stood in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles seen at the installation [redacted]

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9. On 1 November, 22 T-34/85 tanks including some which were covered with canvas were seen at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne west of Perleberg. Small groups of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed in front of the installation which apparently was occupied to capacity. Trucks [redacted] were identified at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. (2)

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Comments.

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- (1) [redacted] confirm that elements of the 53th Mecz Regt of the 13th Mecz Div in the Artillerie Kaserne. [redacted] The vehicle [redacted] mentioned in paragraphs 1, 4 and 8 of the present report belong to the 13th Mecz Div.

- (2) According to [redacted] the present report, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne seems to quarter the Hq 13th Mecz Div; division headquarters units, including the unidentified signal battalion and the AAA regiment; and elements of the 53th Mecz Regt. [redacted]

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- [redacted] Most of the vehicle [redacted] mentioned in paragraphs 2, 5 and 9 of the present report are assigned to the 13th Mecz Div.

- (3) Probably components of the 13th Mecz Div and headquarters units of the IX Mz Rifle Corps which returned from the fall maneuvers.

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